

Flathead Road and Bridge Advisory-Committee  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
May 13, 2010 – **7:00 PM**  
Solid Waste District Board Room-County Landfill

1. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Mike Schlegel-Chairman, Karl Schrade-Vice Chairman, Charles Lapp, Tom Sands, Dave Hilde

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Public Works Director Dave Prunty, Operations Manager Guy Foy, Recording Secretaries Patti Vernarsky and Karen Rogers

Public Present: None

2. Introductory Remarks: None

3. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes-Action Required

**Dave Hilde moves to approve the minutes from March 11, 2009 meeting, Tom Sands seconds the motion. All in favor; motion passed, minutes approved.**

4. Action Agenda - Transportation Plan

Dave Prunty stated to the committee that Jeff Harris from planning will mention any comments at his next planning meeting.

Tom Sands stated he has gone through the transportation plan and is not happy with the results. He distributed a list of his concerns and conditions he would like see happen should the transportation plan be adopted. He understands that the county needs some kind of guidance, and Peccia has put a lot of work into creating this document. He stated he cannot take this document as is word for word because it is a regulatory document.

Dave Hilde stated the plan does not do anything for the Road Dept; it affects the Highway Dept. more than Road Dept. He felt it was a poor plan and wasted money. He feels this committee should vote for it not to be accepted by the county commissioners. Karl Schrade agreed, but the plan could be used as reasonable guideline. Dave Prunty stated this plan could give the county potential direction as to where things might be occurring.

Karl stated if the plan had some force then there might be some value to the plan. Mike Schlegel asked how this should be addressed. Dave Prunty stated a motion is to be made and he will take it back to Jeff Harris to go in front of the planning board. He stated the decision will then go the commissioners.

**Dave Hilde moves that the Road Advisory Committee vote the transportation plan not be accepted by the commissioners. Tom Sands seconds the motion.**

**Karl Schrade stated the Road Advisory Committee does not want the plan as a regulatory document. Charles Lapp asked if the planning board is looking into adopting the transportation plan into the growth policy. He asked if the commissioners want to adopt the plan as is, is there danger in this decision. Dave Prunty stated if the commissioners want to adopt the plan they will. Mike Schlegel stated that this committee is being asked tonight for an up or down vote.**

**All in favor; motion passed, that the Road Advisory Committee vote the transportation plan not be accepted by the commissioners.**

5. Directors Report

a. FY11 Preliminary Budget

Dave Prunty went through the budget and briefly described the revenue and where the funds come from, and each of the cost center adjustments from the previous fiscal years. He explained that this is only the second year for these cost centers and there are still adjustments that will need to be made until trend is found.

Discussion continued on each of the cost centers and any of the major changes that occurred for the upcoming fiscal year.

Questions were asked about how much of the health and welfare budget that the county pays that does not show up in the road department budget. The Road Advisory Committee would like to know the cost of the health and welfare portion not shown in the budget.

b. Engineering Costs

Dave Prunty explained the spreadsheet about the engineering and surveying costs. He stated the spreadsheet is broken out by projects and this is only one year's worth of data. He stated the total expense is just under \$100,000 which included \$20,000 for bridge expense, which comes to 1.6 % of the total budget spent on engineering and surveying. Dave Hilde asked about the Tepee Creek & Trail Bridges expense. Dave Prunty stated those are the two bridges that are to be replaced up the North Fork.

Tom Sands asked about Peccia getting paid for the road standards update. He thought Ryan had volunteered to work with the county on the road standards. Dave Prunty stated no, because Ryan did all of the revisions.

Mike Schlegel asked about how the two year warranty was put into the road standards. Dave Prunty stated that is where most municipalities are headed with a two year warranty. Mike stated there should be language in the standards for projects such as the double chip on the Badrock RSID. He feels it is tough to bid with a two year warranty. Tom Sands stated the project should be bid to cover the two year warranty. Mike thought the revisions on the standards were for more responsibility but also more economically and with a two year bond on a double chip seal would not be economical.

Tom Sands stated if Mike wanted to revise the standards, then an amendment could be put together and brought to the commissioners.

- c. Public Hearing for the Criteria to End Maintenance on Dead End Roads on May 24, 2010 @ 9:30 AM Commissioners Office

Dave Prunty stated this is just a reminder for the Road Advisory Committee that any members that can go would be appreciated. He commented that very few people have called about the ending of maintenance. Mike Schlegel stated he had one person call, the Brostens, and there question was why Danford Lane is on the list, but Therriault Road is not on the list as it goes to the river and dead ends also. He stated Therriault is not a well known road and thought maybe it had to do with the river access why it was not placed on the list of dead end roads. Dave Prunty stated there are more roads out there that will eventually be added to the list.

6. Comments from Committee Members

Mike Schlegel stated the forest service bid out the Tally Lake Road where the gravel will have bentonite, and the process will be calcium chloride ground and milled into the gravel.

Discussion was held about the process of mixing bentonite in with the gravel, and the Mountain Meadows project this year which will have bentonite in the gravel bids.

Mike Schlegel stated the process for the Tally Lake Road will be spreading the gravel and getting a crown, then applying a heavy layer of calcium chloride, which had to be mixed with a roto-mill instead of a grader.

7. Comments from the Public (15 Minutes)

8. Adjournment

**Charles Lapp made the motion to adjourn, Dave Hilde seconded, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.**